each of the last three years is given below:—

Year of Agreement	Target	Achievement
First Year of Agreement (Upto September, 2006)	4,291	4,820
Second Year of Agreement (Upto December, 2006)	8,584	9,800
Third Year of Agreement	8,556	911 (Up to 31.01.2007)

The remaining RCPs are likely to be provided by September, 2007.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Phone connections of Bangladesh

†1828 SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that phone connections provided by Bangladesh are being used in North-Eastern region, especially in areas adjoining Bangladesh;

(b) whether Government have failed in providing services of BSNL or any other domestic phone network there;

(c) the estimated loss being caused to Government each year due to use of foreign network; and

(d) by when domestic phone facility or cellular network is likely to be provided by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) It was reported that mobile signal of service provider of Bangladesh is available in some places in the villages along the international border. Without authentic information regarding details of usage, it is not possible to estimate loss. Ministry of External Affairs is handling the issue of presence of signals of mobile operators of Bangladesh within the geographical territory of India at diplomatic level with the Government of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Bangladesh. Recently, the prevailing restrictions in providing mobile services within 10 kms of International borders have been relaxed by incorporating the following amendments in the license agreements of mobile service providers.

(i) There shall be a "No Service Zone" of 500 meters width along the International border within Indian Territory for wireless/mobile service, where the Licensee(s) are not permitted to provide wireless/mobile service.

(ii) The Licensee(s) shall create a "Buffer Zone" of 10 kms width along the line of Control (LoC), Line of Actual Control (LAC), Akhnoor and Pathankot areas in J&K, as applicable, wherein they shall not deploy their Cell site(s)/BTS(s) Radio Transmitter(s).

Growth of mobile telephone connections

1829. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth of mobile telephone connections has surpassed wireline (fixed) connections by four to one;

(b) whether Government are seized of the extent of Hazards caused by electromagnetic waves emitted from cellular mobile towers and phones;

(c) whether Telecom Engineering Centre has found that radiations continuously emitted from mobile towers and phones can cause fatigue, headache, sleeplessness and loss of memory; and

(d) whether Government would consider evolving guidelines on cell towers and phones in view of the reported hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Out of approximately 200 million total telephone connections in the country, the ratio of mobile and fixed phones is about four to one.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. A Committee was set up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, under the Chairmanship of Director General, Indian